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[AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE]

TO

Provide for the Registration of Marriages in  
Ireland.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that a System of Registration of *Protestants*  
such Marriages as are not within the Provisions of an Act  
of the Session holden in the Seventh and Eighth Years  
of Her present Majesty, Chapter Eighty-one, should be established  
and maintained in Ireland: Be it enacted by the Queen's most  
Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the  
Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parlia-  
ment assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Registration *Short Title.*  
10 of Marriages (Ireland) Act, 1863."

2. This Act shall extend to Ireland only.

*Act to  
extend to  
Ireland only.*

3. The Registrar General shall, in sufficient Time before the  
Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty-  
three, furnish to the Guardians of every Union printed Notices, which  
the said Guardians shall on or before the said Thirty-first Day of  
December cause to be fixed or placed on the Outside of the several  
Church and Chapel Doors, or other public and conspicuous Buildings  
[Bill 118.] *Registrar  
General to  
furnish to  
Boards of  
Guardians  
Notices set-  
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this Act.

or Places within their respective Unions, and which said Notices shall specify the several Acts required to be done for the Purpose of registering any Marriage under Provisions of this Act.

Register  
Books to be  
provided.

4. The Registrar General shall cause to be provided a sufficient Number of Register Books and Forms as shall be necessary to the 5 Execution of this Act; and the said Register Books shall be of durable Materials, and in them shall be printed on each Side of every Leaf the Heads of Information herein required to be known and registered of Marriages, and every Page of each of such Books shall be numbered progressively from the Beginning to the End of 10 the Book, beginning with Number One, and every Place of Entry shall be also numbered progressively from the Beginning to the End of the Book, beginning with Number One, and every Entry shall be divided from the following Entry by a printed Line; and the Registrar General shall furnish for the Use of the Registrars a suffi- 15 cient Number of Register Books of Marriages and such other Forms as may from Time to Time be required for the Purposes of this Act.

Registrars  
under Regis-  
tration of  
Births, &c.  
Act, to be  
Registrars  
for Purposes  
of this Act.

5. The several Superintendent Registrars and Registrars Dis- tricts which shall from Time to Time be made under the Provisions of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Ireland) Act shall be the 20 Superintendent Registrars and Registrars Districts for the Purposes of this Act.

Registrars  
under said  
Act to act  
for Purposes  
of this Act.

6. The several Superintendent Registrars and Registrars of the several Districts, and their respective Deputies appointed from Time to Time, and acting under the Provisions of the said last-recited 25 Act, shall from Time to Time be the Superintendent Registrars and Registrars of their respective Districts for the Purposes of this Act, if they think fit to accept such Office, and in the event of their Refusal to act, the Guardians of the Union shall appoint a Person, with such Qualifications as the Registrar General may declare to be necessary, 30 to be the Superintendent Registrar or Registrar under this Act.

Provision for  
Marriages  
not within  
Provisions  
of 7 & 8  
Vict. c. 81.

7. In all Cases of Marriages which may be legally solemnized in Ireland, and which do not come within the Provisions of the said Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty- one, or any Act amending the same, the Parties about to contract 35 any such Marriage shall produce to the Clergyman celebrating the Marriage a Certificate according to the Form of the Schedule here- unto annexed, which Certificate shall be procured by the Parties contracting the Marriage, previous to its Solemnization, from the Registrar of the District within which such Marriage is intended to be 40 solemnized, who shall be bound, as far as possible, without Fee or Reward,

Reward, to fill up the said Schedule, and it shall be signed by the Parties contracting the Marriage and by the Witnesses present thereat, not being less than Two, and also by the said Clergyman; and the Parties contracting the Marriage shall within Three Days thereafter  
 5 either deliver or send by Post such Certificate to the Registrar of the District wherein the Marriage was solemnized, and the Husband shall in case of Failure so to deliver or send such Certificate be liable in a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered as hereinafter provided.

- 10 8. In case of the Inability to write of any Person whose Signature is required or necessary under this Act it shall be lawful for such Person to make such Signature by making a Cross or other Mark, which shall be made in the Presence of the Clergyman or Two Witnesses, who shall attest the same, and such Mark shall be  
 15 in all respects as binding and effectual as the Signature of such Person, if capable of writing, would have been.

Persons unable to write may sign by making Cross.

9. Every Registrar, on receipt of any such Certificate, shall forthwith enter the Particulars thereof in the Register Book: Provided always, that if any Error shall be discovered to have been  
 20 committed in the Entry of Marriage in any Register the Person discovering the same shall forthwith give Information thereof to the Justice or Justices presiding at the Petty Sessions of the District within which such Birth or Death shall have occurred, or if within the Dublin Metropolitan Police District to a divisional Justice or  
 25 Justices within the said District; and it shall be lawful for the said Justice or Justices, and they are hereby authorized and required thereupon or upon otherwise coming to the Knowledge of such erroneous Entry, to summons before them the Person who made and any Person concerned in making such erroneous Entry or having  
 30 any Knowledge regarding the same, and also any Person interested in the Effect of such erroneous Entry, and to examine all such Persons on Oath; and if the said Justice or Justices shall be satisfied that any Error has been committed in any such Entry such Justice or Justices shall, by Authority in Writing under his or their Hands,  
 35 direct the Registrar to correct the erroneous Entry; and it shall be lawful for the Registrar, and he is hereby required thereupon, to correct the erroneous Entry according to the Truth of the Case by Entry in the Margin without any Alteration of the original Entry; and such marginal Entry shall contain a Reference to the Deposition  
 40 upon which the said Justice or Justices directed the Correction to be made, and shall be dated on the Day on which it is made, and signed by the Parties applying for the Correction and by the Registrar; and in every Case the Registrar shall make the like Alteration in the

Particulars of Certificates to be entered in Register Books.

Correction of erroneous Entries.

certified Copy of the Register Book, to be made by him as herein-after provided; provided that in case such certified Copy shall have been already made, he shall make and deliver in like Manner a separate certified Copy of the original erroneous Entry and of the marginal Correction therein made.

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*Returns.*

Certified  
Copies of  
Registers of  
Births and  
Deaths to be  
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the Register  
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10. In the Months of April, July, October, and January, on such Days as shall from Time to Time be appointed by the Registrar General, every Registrar shall make and deliver to the Superintendent Registrar of his District, on durable Materials, a true Copy, certified 10 by him under his Hand, according to the Form to this Act annexed, of all the Entries of Marriages made during the Quarter of a Year before mentioned respectively, in the Register Books kept by him, the first of such certified Copies to be given in the Month of April 15 in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and the Superintendent Registrar shall examine the same, and if found to be correct shall certify the same under his Hand to be a true Copy: If there shall have been no Marriages registered since the Delivery of the last Certificate the Registrar shall certify the Fact, and such 20 Certificate shall be delivered to the Superintendent Registrar as aforesaid, and be countersigned by him: The Registrar shall keep safely each of the Register Books furnished to him as herein-before mentioned until it shall be filled, and shall then deliver it to the Superintendent Registrar to be kept by him with the Records of 25 his Office.

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tendent  
Registrar  
to send  
certified  
Copies of  
Registers  
of Marriages  
to Registrar  
General.

11. Every Superintendent Registrar shall Four Times in every Year, on such Days as shall be named for the Purpose by the Registrar General, send to the Registrar General all the certified Copies of the Registers of Marriages which he shall have received from the 30 Registrars of Marriages as aforesaid for the Quarter of a Year last preceding the First Day of each of the several Months herein-before mentioned respectively; and the Registrar General, if it shall appear by Interruption of the regular Progression of Numbers, or otherwise, that the Copy of any Part of any Book has not been duly delivered 35 to him, shall procure, as far as possible, consistently with the Provisions of this Act, that the same may be remedied and supplied; the certified Copies so sent to the General Register Office shall be thereafter kept in the said Office in such Order and Manner as the Registrar General, under the Direction of the Lord Lieutenant 40 shall think fit, so that the same may be most readily seen and examined.

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12. The Registrar General shall once in every Year transmit to the Lord Lieutenant a General Abstract of the Numbers of Marriages registered during the foregoing Year in such Form and at such Date as the Lord Lieutenant shall from Time to Time prescribe; and every such annual General Abstract shall be laid before Parliament within One Month after Receipt thereof, or, if Parliament shall not be then sitting, within One Month after the Commencement of the next Session.
13. The Registrar General shall cause Indexes of all the Registers herein mentioned to be made and kept in the General Register Office; and every Person shall be entitled to search the said Indexes between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Four in the Afternoon of every Day, except Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and to have a certified Copy of any Entry in the said Registers; and for every general Search of the said Indexes the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and for every particular Search the Sum of One Shilling, and for every such certified Copy the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence shall be paid to the Registrar General or such other Officer as shall be appointed to receive such Fees on his Account, in addition to the Stamp Duty of One Penny imposed by an Act passed in the Twenty-third Year of Her Majesty, Chapter Fifteen.
14. Every Superintendent Registrar shall cause Indexes of the Register Books in his Office to be made and kept with the other Records of his Office: Every Person shall be entitled on such Days and at such reasonable Hours as shall be directed by the Registrar General to search the said Indexes, and to have a certified Copy of any Entry or Entries in the said Register Books, under the Hand and Seal of the Superintendent Registrar, on Payment of the Fees herein-after mentioned; that is to say, for every general Search the Sum of Five Shillings, and for every particular Search the Sum of One Shilling, and for every certified Copy the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, in addition to the Stamp Duty of One Penny imposed by an Act passed in the Twenty-third Year of Her Majesty, Chapter Fifteen.
15. Every Person shall be entitled on such Days and at such reasonable Hours as shall be directed by the Registrar General to search such Entries in the Register Books in the Custody of the Registrars as shall not have been included in the last preceding Return made by such Registrar to his Superintendent Registrar, and to have a certified Copy of any such Entry or Entries under the Hand and Seal of the Registrar, on Payment of the Fees herein-after mentioned; that is to say, for every such Search the Sum of

Abstract of  
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Sixpence, and for every certified Copy the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, in addition to the Stamp Duty of One Penny imposed by an Act passed in the Twenty-third Year of Her Majesty, Chapter Fifteen.

## Fees.

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Superintendent Registrars to be paid for the certified Copies sent to General Registrar Office.

16. Every Superintendent Registrar shall make out an Account Four Times in every Year, on such Days and for such Periods as shall from Time to Time be appointed by the Registrar General, of the Number of Entries in such certified Copies so sent by him to the Registrar General as provided by this Act, and shall send the said Account to the Registrar General: If on Examination and Comparison with the certified Copies of the Registers or Certificates received by the Registrar General such Account shall be found correct, the Superintendent Registrar shall be entitled to receive Twopence from the Registrar General for every Entry in such 15 certified Copies of Registers of Marriages, which shall be charged by the Registrar General to the general Expenses of his Office.

Registrars to make out an Account of Number of Marriages Four Times yearly.

17. Every Registrar shall make out an Account Four Times in each Year, on such Days and for such Periods as shall from Time to Time be appointed by the Registrar General, of the Number of 20 Marriages which he shall have registered in pursuance of the Provisions of this Act, and the Superintendent Registrar shall verify and sign the same: The Guardians of the Union in which he shall be Registrar, on Production of the said Account so verified and signed, shall pay to the said Registrar, out of the Monies in their Hands or Power 25 as such Guardians, at the Rate of Sixpence for every Entry of Marriage included in such Account, and the same shall be charged to the Union at large, and such Guardians shall be and they are hereby empowered to levy off the Union at large such Sums so paid by them, and such Sums shall be included in the Rates which such 30 Guardians are by Law empowered to levy and raise.

Persons making false Statements for Entry on Register to be subject to Penalties for Perjury.

18. Every Person who shall wilfully make or cause to be made, for the Purpose of being inserted in any Register of Marriages, any false Statement touching any of the Particulars herein required to be known and registered, shall be subject to the same Pains and 35 Penalties as if he were guilty of Perjury.

Secs. 36. and 37. of 24 & 25 Vict. c. 98 incorporated with Act.

19. The 36th and 37th Sections of an Act passed in the 24th and 25th Years of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Statute Law of England and Ireland relating 40 to indictable Offences by Forgery," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act.

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20. Every Registrar who shall refuse or without reasonable Cause omit to fill up the Certificate of Marriage or register any Marriage of which he shall have received a Certificate, and every Person having the Custody of any Register Book or any Part thereof, who shall carelessly lose or injure the same or carelessly allow the same to be injured whilst in his keeping, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds for every such Offence.

Penalty for Neglect of Registrar to register Marriage, &c.

21. Every Person who under the Provisions of this Act is required to deliver the Registers of Marriages or Copies of such Registers to any Superintendent Registrar or to the Registrar General, and who after being duly required to deliver such Register or Copies as aforesaid shall refuse or during One Calendar Month neglect so to do, shall be liable for every such Offence to forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Penalty for Omission to deliver Registers to Superintendent Registrar or Registrar General.

22. Any Penalty recoverable under the Provisions of this Act, shall be recoverable in a summary Way, with respect to the Police District of Dublin Metropolis, subject and according to the Provisions of any Act regulating the Powers and Duties of Justices of the Peace for such District, or of the Police of such District, and, with respect to other Parts of Ireland, before a Justice or Justices of the Peace sitting in Petty Sessions, subject and according to the Provisions of "The Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851," and any Act amending the same.

Penalties how recoverable.

14 & 15 Vict. c. 93.

23. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect the Law of Marriage in Ireland.

Not to affect Law of Marriage in Ireland.

24. The following Words and Expressions shall, in construing this Act, be taken and understood to have the Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,)

Interpretation Clause.

" Lord Lieutenant " shall mean and include the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the Time being;

" Lord Lieutenant in Council " shall mean the Lord Lieutenant by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council in Ireland;

" Registrar General " shall mean the Registrar General of Marriages in Ireland for the Time being appointed or to be appointed under the Act before referred to, and, in case of the Absence of the Registrar General, shall also mean and include the Assistant Registrar General for the Time being appointed or to be appointed under the said Act:

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- " General Search " shall mean a Search during any Number of successive Days, not exceeding Six, without stating the Object of Search :
- " Particular Search " shall mean a Search over any Period not exceeding Five Years for any given Register of Marriage. 5

## SCHEDULE.

18. —MARRIAGES solemnized [at the Parish Church] in the [Parish of St. Andrew] in the City of [Dublin].

| No. | When married. | Name and Surname.                  | Age.                  | Condition.               | Rank or Profession. | Residence at the Time of Marriage.     | Father's Name and Surname.          | Rank or Profession of Father. |
|-----|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1   | 27 March 18 . | Patrick Downan -<br>Mary O'Brien - | Of full Age.<br>Minor | Bachelor -<br>Spinster - | Carpenter -<br>—    | 8, South Street -<br>17, High Street - | Patric Downan -<br>Laurance O'Brien | Upolsterer.<br>Butcher.       |

Married in the [Parish Church], according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the [United Church of England and Ireland, by Licence] or [after Banns]

This Marriage was solemnized between us, By us, [William Jackson, Vicar]  
{ Patrick Downan, }  
 Mary O'Brien, }  
 Presence of us, { Daniel Downan,  
 Laurence O'Brien.

[The Particulars in this Schedule to be entered according to the Fact.]

**Marriages Registration  
(Ireland).**

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[AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE]

To provide for the Registration of  
Marriages in Ireland.

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Mr. Russell, Lord Simon, and Mr. Bristow.*)

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